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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Total gas sales for October were 1,004.7 trillion Btu. Of these sales, residential decreased 0.6 percent while the commercial sector showed an increase of 0.3 percent. The year to date industrial sales were up 2.7 percent compared to 1979.

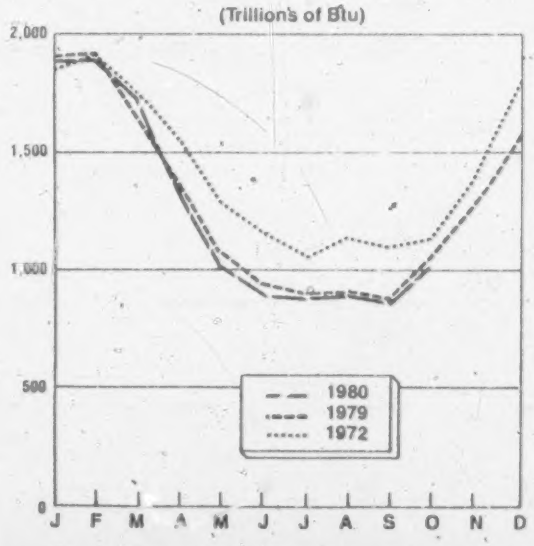
GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	October			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31	
	1980	1979	% Change	1980	%Change From Last Period	1979*	1980 Forecast[1]
Residential	220.4[2]	221.7	- 0.6[2]	3,787.0	- 7.2	5,083.1	4,858.3
Commercial	127.9	127.6	+ 0.3	1,909.5	- 4.2	2,485.8	2,415.6
Industrial	634.8	671.0	- 5.4	6,441.6	+ 2.7	7,555.0	7,723.4
Other	21.6	18.6	-	234.0	-	316.4	298.2
Total	1,004.7	1,038.9	- 3.3	12,372.1	- 1.8	15,440.3	15,295.5
Degree Days[P] (A.G.A)	348	268	+ 29.9 (Degree days for September 28 to November 1)				

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

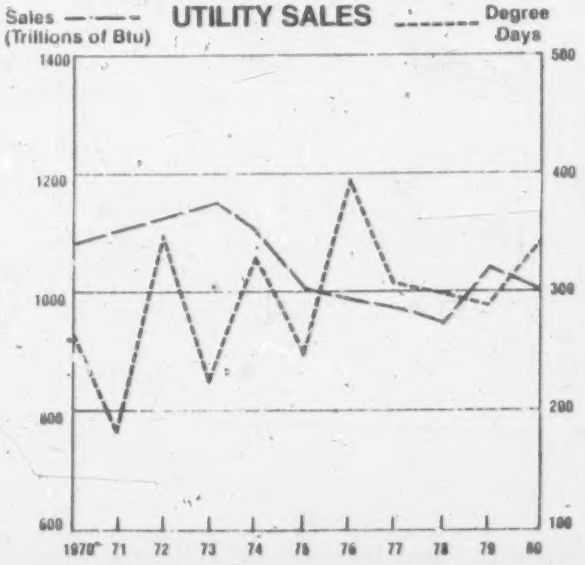
*1979 figures based on the 1979 Gas Facts.
[P]preliminary

MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

October

	1980	1979	% Change '79 vs '80
Domestic Range			
Gas	140.6	149.4	- 5.9
Electric	257.3	274.4	- 6.3
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	73.8	84.2	- 12.4
Electric	258.9	289.6	- 10.6
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	180.0	206.1	- 12.7
Electric	22.3	20.6	+ 8.3
Oil	9.9	12.7	- 22.0
Boilers			
Gas	31.0	31.3	- 1.0
Electric	0.3	0.4	- 34.3
Oil	7.6	10.8	- 29.5

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

October

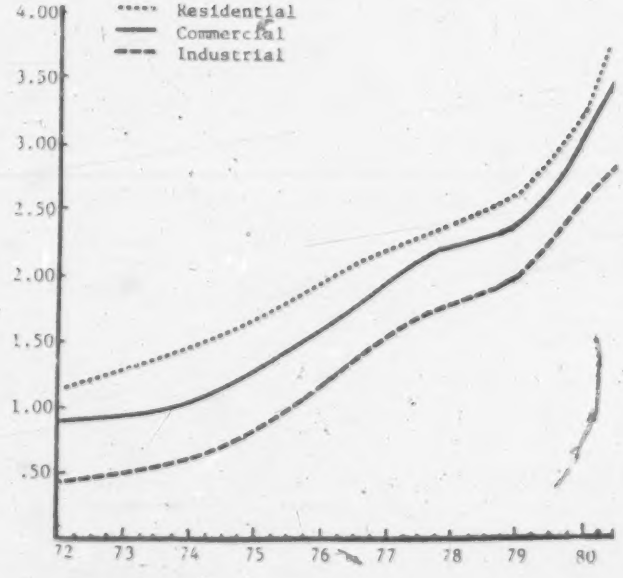
	1980	1979	% Change '79 vs '80
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	153.9	169.0	- 8.9
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	384.6	329.0	+ 16.9
Electricity	265.3	228.7	+ 16.0
Fuel Oil	581.5	491.1	+ 18.4
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	108.8	112.5	- 3.3

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980					
1st Qtr.	2.97	3.31	3.17	2.61	1.94
2nd Qtr.	3.14	3.77	3.43	2.79	1.90

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)



[1]1980 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months of 1980 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.